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Torrance Schools Dependent Upon September Bond Issue

Torrance voters and taxpayers will soon be asked to approve an eight million dollar bonding program which would provide funds for local school construction.

Issue will be brought to the voters in mid-September despite failure of other bond issues in the recent elections.

Although the Torrance Press has been traditionally in favor of economy in government we recognize the vital need for expanding our school system in order to keep pace with our growing community.

We have unhesitatingly opposed the spending of the taxpayer's dollar on unnecessary luxuries but find nothing luxurious in providing our children with a more adequate school environment.

We heartily favor this bond issue for several reasons.

We recognize that the huge num-

ber of elementary school age youngsters now attending classes will someday have to attend high school, and we can't wait until that day to provide space for them.

We recognize that certain areas of the city, now sparsely populated, are destined to "boom" as residential centers and that schools must be provided for the youngsters who will live there.

And we recognize, most of all, that the real asset of this community, or any community, is a full crop of well-educated and well-oriented youngsters, trained to take their place in the society in which we live.

We heartily favor the issuance of the bonds and commend the board of education and the school district for a far-sighted view of the district's future needs.

Second Chance to Vote On College Bonds in Nov.

State Controller Alan Cranston said today he hopes Californians will have a new opportunity in November to vote on bonds to finance the construction of critically needed state college, junior college and university buildings.

Cranston, speaking before the High Twelve Club at a luncheon meeting in Machiavelli's Restaurant, urged Governor Edmund G. Brown to call a special session — "regardless of any political hazards" — to consider putting a bond issue on the ballot in November.

"I sincerely believe that Proposition 3 failed in Tuesday's primary election because the ballot title and description gave little or no

indication that the funds would be used primarily for educational facilities," Cranston said. "There was insufficient time to inform the voters fully of the significance of the issue."

"I feel certain that many voters were not aware that some 80 per cent of the \$270 million bond issue would have been used for junior colleges, state colleges and the University of California."

"I cannot believe that Californians have abandoned their pride in our public education system. I am confident that many voters will support the bonds after they have had an opportunity to study the matter and to think about its importance to our higher education."

Note Hike in Area's Factory Worker Salaries

Manufacturing production workers in the Los Angeles-Long Beach Metropolitan area worked more hours and earned more per hour in April 1962 than in April 1961, John F. Henning, director of industrial relations, announced today. As a result, average weekly earnings increased by 5.2 per cent from a year ago.

After deductions for Federal and State taxes and adjustment for changes in the Consumer Price Index, the purchasing power of the April 1962 earnings was about 3.4 percent higher than in April 1961.

The average workweek rose slightly from March, causing weekly earnings to edge up from \$110.43 to

\$110.70 in April. An increase in consumer prices over the month, however, held buying power to the March level.

The workweek of factory workers in the area averaged 40.7 hours in April, a full hour longer than last year. Workers in both soft and hard goods manufacturing industries scored substantial over-the-year gains in hours. Industries which posted the greatest expansion in working time include: autos, lumber, electronics, and food processing.

Hourly earnings remained at the March average of \$2.72, and were up from April 1961 by 7 cents, or 2.6 percent.



LUCKY CANDIDATE — Bruinsma Debs Molle Merrill (left) and Michele Grosse demonstrate just how much they favor Ted Bruinsma's candidacy for Congress. He is the endorsed Republican candidate for Congress in the 17th District.

New Decrease Anticipated for South Bay Hospital Tax Rate

The tax rate for the South Bay Hospital District will go down approximately five cents for the 1962-63 fiscal year, it was announced yesterday evening by Lester E. Carlson, president of the South Bay Hospital District board of directors.

The district encompasses the beach communities of Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach and runs South Bay Hospital, a 150 bed general hospital in Redondo Beach.

Carlson said the lower tax rate — the lowest since the hospital opened in August, 1960 — of about 19 cents, will provide for bond retirement, paying bills on major hospital equipment, and an operational reserve.

Arthur E. Miller, hospital administrator, in his budget presentation to hospital board members last night, said the 4-story hospital may be thought of as "paying for itself" on a month-to-month operational basis in the future.

Miller said approximately \$112,700 must be raised for bond retirement of \$1.5 million in construction bonds voted in 1956 to help construct the \$3.5 million hospital. Approximately eight cents of the total rate will raise this amount, he said.

Miller also attributed a tax decrease to a 1961-62 financial picture much more favorable than calculated 12 months ago.

"South Bay Hospital can look forward to a future of greater use and greater service in South Bay," Board President Carlson said.

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Research Group Attacks Mysteries of 'Old Age'

The riddle of why people grow old—and ways of slowing down or even reversing the aging process—will be but one of nearly a score of medical problems to be attacked by a team of the world's most renowned scientists at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies.

The massive, concentrated research into the sub-microscopic structure of the human cell to be undertaken will be the key that can unlock the mystery of human disease and ailments, Robert A. Wilkinson, reported to contributors to the institute's building fund appeal yesterday.

The institute will be headed by Dr. Jonas Salk, discoverer of the polio vaccine.

Wilkinson, Prudential Insurance Co. executive and one of the leaders of the Los Angeles County drive to raise \$400,000 for the \$15 million institute now under construction at La Jolla, declared: "Some active cells of older persons still function perfectly while others have badly deteriorated, although no one yet knows why."

He pointed out that it is obvious, therefore, that people just don't wear out; otherwise cells would probably age at the same rate.

"Do mysterious viruses now known to scientists invade some cells, then disappear as they turn into biochemicals that cause cells to gradually deteriorate, or do other influences now only suspected, stimulate the cell to produce chemicals that eventually cause its own destruction?" he queried.

He said that when the answers to these and simi-

lar questions are found by the institute's scientists, they will be in a position to develop counter measures that could very well prevent all disease and materially increase the life span of mankind.

Supervisor Asks Tax Exemption

A motion aimed at making payments to election board workers tax deductible was introduced last week to the Board of Supervisors by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

"I will ask County Counsel Harold Kennedy to direct a letter to the Bureau of Internal Revenue suggesting tax exemption on the meager fees paid to precinct board members," Hahn said.

He pointed out that some 60,000 citizens in the county provide their services or homes on election days.

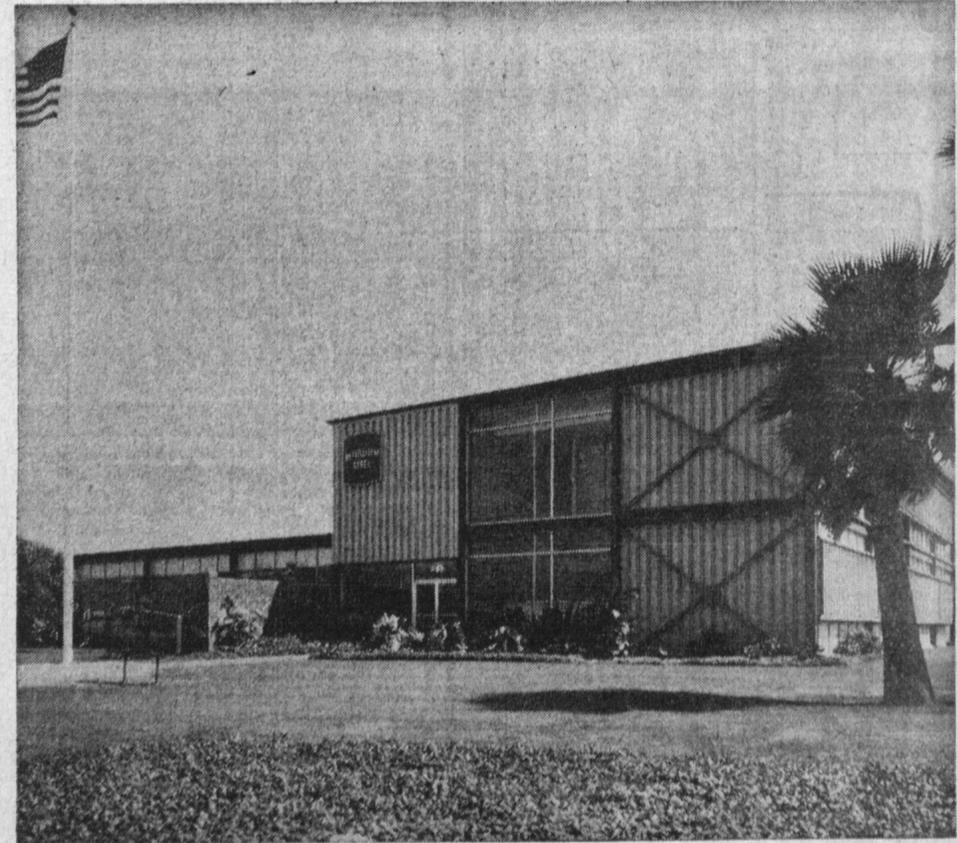
They receive from \$15 to \$25 each for a job which usually takes from 7 a.m. to midnight.

"Most of the precinct board members receive about \$16," Hahn said.

"They must pay about \$3 of that for income tax. When you add that to the cost of babysitters (about \$8) and other expenses connected with their service, it's easy to see that some barely break even after their long day's work."

Hahn pointed out that "big corporations are allowed many kinds of tax deductions—for lavish entertainment, expense accounts and even yachts."

"It seems only reasonable," he said, "that the dedicated private citizens who work hard to insure our system of free and honest voting should be able to deduct the small fees they receive."



Torrance Bethlehem Steel Plant Wins 'Beauty' Award

Bethlehem Steel Company's Torrance Fabricating Works was presented with an award today by the Los Angeles Beautiful Community Committee for "an excellent example of how industry can be beautiful."

Los Angeles Beautiful is a 13-year-old organization dedicated to the goal of a clean and beautiful community. It is sponsored by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. The honor was one of forty such awards presented.

W. B. Jameson, works manager, in accepting the award noted, "As a member of the industrial community of Torrance, Bethlehem Steel Company is honored

that the Torrance Works has been singled out for its contribution to the beauty of this area."

Guests of Bethlehem at the awards luncheon were Mr. Arnold Dutton, landscape architect; and Mr. Karl Klokke, representing the designing architects, A. C. Martin & Associates.

Bethlehem's Torrance Works is located at 2100 W. 190th St. on a 46-acre tract. Administrative and engineering personnel are housed in an attractive air-conditioned office building of contemporary design.

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